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SUBJECT: BELIZE ISSUE AT LIMA NAC

REFERENCES: (A) GUATEMALA 4721; (B) LIMA 7060;
(C) LIMA 7172; (D) LIMA 7175

1. ACCORDING REF D, POINT 50 OF POLITICAL DECLARATION
FROM LIMA NAC DEALT WITH BELIZE IN FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:
QUOTE 50. THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSES FULL SUPPORT FOR THE
PEOPLE OF BELIZE WHOSE ASPIRATION FOR INDEPENDENCE CONTINUES
TO BE FRUSTRATED BY TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. IN AFFIRMING THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF BELIZE AND THE RIGHT OF ITS
PEOPLE TO INDEPENDENCE, THE CONFERENCE AGREED TO LEND ITS
SUPPORT TO ALL EFFORTS DIRECTED TO THOSE ENDS. UNQUOTE.

2. FINAL WORDING REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE STRENGTHENING OF
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QUOTE 43. THEY REAFFIRM THEIR SUPPORT OF PUERTO RICO'S RIGHT TO FULL INDEPENDENCE AND DEMAND THAT COLONIAL SITUATIONS BE ELIMINATED, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASES OF BELIZE, THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, PUERTO RICO AND PANAMA. UNQUOTE.

3. GUATEMALA SPOKE AS QUOTE GUEST UNQUOTE. REF C REPORTED THAT GUATEMALAN REPRESENTATIVE TOLD CONFERENCE THAT HE QUOTE REGRETTED THAT GUATEMALA NOT ADMITTED TO NON-ALIGNED GROUP. WITH RESPECT TO PUERTO RICO, HE SAID THE UN'S DECISION NOT TO REVIEW THE MATTER SHOULD BE RESPECTED. UNQUOTE.

4. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT THIS PORTENDS FOR LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WITH GUATEMALA ON BELIZE ISSUE AT UNGA, BUT IT IS OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT NAC TOOK A TOTALLY DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FALKLAND ISLANDS. QUOTE 51. THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, WITHOUT PREJUDICE OF REITERATING THE VALIDITY OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE FOR OTHER TERRITORIES, IN THE SPECIAL AND PARTICULAR CASE OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS STRONGLY SUPPORT THE JUST CLAIM OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND URGE THE UNITED KINDGOM TO ACTIVELY CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN ORDER TO RESTORE SAID TERRITORY TO THE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY AND THUS PUT AN END TO THAT ILLEGAL SITUATION, WHICH STILL PERSISTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT. UNQUOTE.

5. FOR LIMA: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING TREATMENT OF BELIZE ISSUE AT NAC WHICH MAY HAVE COME TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION.

6. FOR BELIZE: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF BELIZEAN REPRESENTATIVES AT NAC AND GOB EVALUATION OF OUTCOME THERE. ALSO, ANY OBSERVATIONS YOU CAN MAKE ON PREMIER PRICE'S INTENTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR UNGA WOULD BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE. ROBINSON

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